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Some of the Quakers CONTRADICTIONS which they have asserted the Times and their own Interests; by which 'twill appear, that the Highest Pretenders, are the Greatest Deceivers.

### Section I.

1. **O**UR giving forth Papers or printed Books, it is from the immediate Eternal Spirit of GOD.

2. You might AS WELL have condemned the Scriptures to the Fire, as our Queries.

3. You are now answer'd from the Mouth of the LORD.

4. If ever you own the Prophets, Christ or the Apostles, you will own our Writings, which are given forth by the same Spirit and Power.

5. Que. Do you (i. e. Quakers) esteem your Speakings, to be of as great Authority as any Chapter in the Bible? G. W. answers, That which is spoken from the Spirit of Truth in any, is of as great Authority as the Scriptures and Chapters are, and GREATER.

<sup>1</sup> G. Fox and Rich. Hubberton, *Truth's Defence*, p. 2, 104, 107. printed 1653. <sup>2</sup> G. F. *Answer to the Westmoreland Pet.* p. 30. 1653. <sup>3</sup> G. Whitehead's *Ser. Apol.* p. 49.

1. **W**E are grossly abus'd, and our Intention and Principle, which NEVER was, to bring our Books in comparison with the Scriptures. [*Is not this a gross Untruth? compare it with their former Writings.*]

2. We prefer the Bible before all the Books extant in the World; [*and yet formerly re-proved John Chandler (at a Meeting at the Bull and Mouth) for having given the Scriptures Preference before their Books: And is not this a plain Contradiction?*]

<sup>1</sup> G. W. *Quakers Plainness*, &c. p. 71. 1674.

### Section II.

1. **T**HE Scriptures are not the Word of GOD.

2. The Scripture is not the Word of GOD, as thou blasphemously affirmed.

3. How can, or dare any to say without the highest Blasphemy, that the Scripture is the Word of GOD?

4. The Letter (i. e. the Scripture) is a Declaration of the Word, the Husk.

5. The Letter (i. e. the Scripture) is Dust and Death.

6. That which is written is the Letter, which is Death and killeth.

7. Thou art one of them that fowls with thy Feet, Ezek. 34. 18. that hath nothing but Husk which is fit for nothing but Staine.

8. The Quakers do not call the Letter the Rule; and the four Books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John the NEW-TESTAMENT and Gospel, as thou and thy Generation do.

9. But they frequently call'd them Earthly Letter, and Carnal Letter.

<sup>1</sup> G. Fox, &c. *Firebrand*, &c. p. 159. 2d Part. 1678. <sup>2</sup> G. F. *Great Mystery*, p. 240. 1659. <sup>3</sup> G. Bishop, *Mens Trial*, &c. p. 22. 1659. <sup>4</sup> G. F. *Way to the Kingdom*, p. 1655. <sup>5</sup> G. F. &c. *Brief Discovery*, p. 9. 1653. <sup>6</sup> G. W. *Ishmael*, &c. p. 10. <sup>7</sup> G. Fox &c. *Truth's Def.* p. 53. 1653. <sup>8</sup> G. W. and Ch. Atkinson, *David's Enemies*, &c. p. 7. 1655. <sup>9</sup> G. F. &c. *Truth's Def.* p. 14, 28, 56, 60.

1. **W**E say Holy Writ is the declared Fundamental Law of Heaven.

2. We believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and NEW-TESTAMENT were given forth by Divine Inspiration.

3. The Holy Scriptures of the Old and NEW-TESTAMENT are of Divine Authority, as being given by Inspiration from GOD.

4. That they (i. e. Quakers) say, the Holy Scripture is Carnal, Dust, Death, and killeth, &c. — We do, in the holy Fear of Almighty GOD, and in behalf of the said People, declare and testify, That all these, and all other his Accusations of the same Kind, or depending thereupon, are utterly false, wicked and malicious, and never so believed, so said, nor so affirmed by us. [*Now my Request to G. W. and the rest of the Subscribers, is this, That they would view the Quotations on the other Side; and if they find that they formerly call'd the Scriptures Carnal, Dust, Death, &c. as they have done, that they would be so honest as to take shame to themselves, and acknowledg their Error therein, and that they have wrongfully accus'd Fra. Bugg for those Citations.*]

<sup>1</sup> W. Penn, *Engl. present Int.* p. 16. 1675. <sup>2</sup> G. W. *Innocency*, &c. p. 5. 1693. <sup>3</sup> *Quakers Vind.* &c. p. 4. 1693. sign'd by G. W. and 20 more. <sup>4</sup> *Charitable Essay*, &c. p. 3. 1693. sign'd by G. W. and 12 more of their Preachers.



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